# **BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS LIVE BY FAITH**

Galatians 2:20; 3:11; Hebrews 11:1-3; Romans 1:17; 4:20-21

# **BIBLE VERSE: HEBREWS 12:1-2**

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith."

# **BIG IDEAS**

- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- Faith creates gratitude in every victory, and endurance in every loss.
- Faith is grounded in Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

# **BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 11-12:2**

# **UNITE - I AM CALLED**

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

# **SERIES AIMS**



#### Every student should know that...

- God is the One True King.
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- There is a cost to following Jesus.



### Every student should strive to...

- Examine their own heart and repent of how they have followed false saviors.
- Pray regularly asking the Lord to grow their faith in Him.
- Endure through discouragement and difficult circumstances.



#### Every student should feel...

- Confident in the steadfastness of the Lord.
- Grateful for the cloud of witnesses that we have as a model for how to faithfully follow Christ.
- Grounded in Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



#### Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursuing holiness.
- To suffer well for the glory of God.
- To use their lives to point others to a better Savior, King, and Treasure.

#### **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what real faith is. We will pray for them to grow in their faith and we will lead them to practice enduring faith.

# **JESUS FOLLOWERS LIVE BY FAITH**





#### Read and meditate on Hebrews 11-12:2 this week.

As you meditate on these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

• Do you have enduring faith? How can you discuss with your son or daughter what true faith is like? How can you model showing gratitude and endurance during good and bad times?

# Ponder the example you have set for your son or daughter.

- Does your faith show them that you trust Jesus no matter your circumstances?
- How can you lead them to grow in their faith so that they will endure in difficult times?



#### Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray for them, model asking God to increase your faith.
- Spend time praying with your student this week. As you pray with them ask the Holy Spirit to increase their faith and yours.



# Discuss with your son or daughter the other things that they trust in.

- Help them make a list of the ways their faith is misplaced. Lead them to turn their hearts to Jesus as their only source of true faith.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can have gratitude for victories in their life and endurance for struggles.